(*b*) the distance between Karanchira and Kokkalai in Trichur along the channel;

(*c*) whether the water-way was being used throughout the year before the introduction of railway and after;

(*d*) how many months of the year the water-way connecting Karanchira and Trichur cannot be used?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) Roughly 48 miles.

(*b*) About 12 miles.

(*c*) Ever since the kole lands came to be cultivated on a large scale as at present, the canal between Karanchira and Trichur was not available for traffic for three months in the year.

(*d*) About three months from 15th Kumbham to 15th Edavam.

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ROADS—MILEAGE, EXPENDITURE, Etc.

269. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total mileage of P. W. D. roads in the State;

(*b*) the total of Panchayat Roads;

(*c*) the amount spent for maintenance of P. W. D. roads and Panchayat roads separately during the years 1113 & 1114?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) 537 miles, 6 furlongs & 54 yards excluding roads in the Cranganur Taluk.

(*b*) 673 miles excluding lanes and foot-paths.

(*c*)

	1113.	1114.
P. W. D.	Rs. 1,70,342-4-7	Rs. 1,20,771-14-0 up to the end of Medam.
Panchayat Department	Rs. 38,174	Rs. 38,555.

PROHIBITION—PREPARATION OF THE STATE FOR

270. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether it is not their policy to discourage drinking habit, as far as possible with a view to having in fullness of time absolute prohibition in Cochin;

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(*b*) if so, is it in accordance with that policy to allow toddy shops to be opened in busy and important parts of villages and within Municipal areas ;

(*c*) is there not an attractive notice-board, painted in bright colours placed at the entrance to a toddy shop near the Jews Street in Mattancheri, containing the following advertisement?

Oh! Be Joyful Tavern!
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Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Excise Commissioner):* (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, as it minimises the temptation for illicit supply in places where there is a demand.

(*c*) Yes, the rules require notice-boards to be put up in front of all liquor shops.

NEWSPAPERS ACT—LICENSES ISSUED UNDER—PARTICULARS OF

271. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state the following particulars with regard to the applications for licenses received by the Government as per the Cochin Newspapers Act.—

(*a*) applicant ;

(*b*) the name of the paper ;

(*c*) whether daily, weekly, monthly, etc.;

(*d*) the license fee fixed by the Government ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) A list of newspapers in respect of which licences were granted by the Government under the Cochin Newspapers Act is appended. *(Appendix III).*

STAFF SELECTION BOARD—TALUK-WAR LIST OF APPOINTMENTS

272. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of hands recruited from the different taluks in the State from the day on which the Staff Selection Board was constituted whose pay is not above Rs. 25 per mensem from the following communities (*i*) Nayars (*ii*) Ezhuvas (*iii*) Romo-Syrians ;

(*b*) the number of fresh hands recruited in the same scale from among the communities referred to above ;

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